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## REPLACEMENT ABSTRACT

A digital signal processing apparatus includes multiple functional units each adapted to execute operations, and control circuitry for controlling the functional units. The control circuitry includes multiple control units, at least one control unit being operatively associated with a respective functional unit for controlling its function, and each functional unit is adapted to execute operations in an autonomous manner under control of the control unit associated therewith. FIFO (first-in/fist-out first-in/first-out) register circuitry may be provided for supporting data-flow communication among said—the functional units.